REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 66

A wealthy businessman whose adult son is in prison for killing two people and seriously injuring another spent $1.57 million to put Proposition 66 on the ballot. If it passes, his son will be released early, along with some 26,000 other convicted criminals — which is why the Governor, the Attorney General and every District Attorney in California oppose it.

The proponents of Proposition 66 want you to believe California prisons are filled with petty criminals serving life sentences for writing bad checks and stealing T-shirts. In fact, the average California inmate is convicted of five felonies before ever being sent to state prison. These are hardcore criminals who've worked hard to be in prison.

Judges and district attorneys already have the discretion not to prosecute petty crimes as "strike" offenses. In those rare cases where petty criminals have received disproportionate sentences, the courts have shortened them.

Proposition 66 won't keep murderers, rapists, child molesters and other violent criminals in prison. In fact, it releases thousands of inmates with long records of serious and violent crime — including murder, rape and child molesting.

Nor will Proposition 66 protect children. It puts some of California's most notorious child molesters back on the street.

Proposition 66 won't save tax money. It will cost taxpayers millions to return thousands of inmates to county jails for re-sentencing and release, and billions more to deal with the cost of higher crime and violence.

Even if you believe "3 Strikes" should be modified, Proposition 66 isn't the answer.

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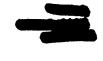California Police Chiefs Association

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